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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Administration

OGC Has Reviewed

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FROM : [REDACTED]
Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT : Publication of Foreign Street Guides Without Agency Attribution

1. You have asked several questions concerning the proposed distribution by the GPO of several foreign street guides which the Agency has produced for foreign sale. Specifically, you have asked whether the Agency's name or seal must appear on the guides, since substantial portions of them are in English. You have also asked whether the GPO is amenable to publishing the guides without attribution to this Agency, assuming the Agency concludes it is unnecessary. And finally, you have asked what problems, if any, are presented by the fact that several thousand of these guides that do not bear the Agency name or symbol have already been officially distributed within the government and to depository libraries.

2. It is my opinion that it would be neither unlawful or improper to have these street guides published and distributed for public sale, without the Agency's name or seal appearing on them. This is not a clandestine publishing effort, and there is no intent that the publication influence the reader's thinking or shape his or her opinions. Additionally, I am advised by P&PD/OL that the GPO identifying number which appears on the guides can be associated with the Agency by one who is familiar with the numbering scheme.

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3. P&PD has now consulted with GPO on the subject, according to [REDACTED] GPO advised P&PD that it is not concerned about the absence of the Agency's name or symbol on the guides themselves. As you know GPO did distribute the copies which went to the depository libraries without the Agency name or symbol appearing on them. These copies did bear the GPO number which can be associated with the Agency.

4. I think there is no reason for concern in the fact that a number of these guides which do not bear the Agency name or seal are already in the public domain.

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5. GPO did inform [REDACTED] that deletion of the Agency's name from their index listings causes some practical problems, for example in an author-subject index. Therefore, unless we make a special effort to have the Agency name deleted from all indexes, and perhaps even if we do, we can expect to have the name appear in one or more of these listings. Query whether this would be a worthwhile effort. A number of other Agency publications, the USSR Agriculture Atlas for example, have been indexed in the Agency's name. And, in fact, the depository library listing of one of these same street guides listed the Agency's name.

6. I am returning herewith the three street guides and the GPO publication listing which you provided me.

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Attachments

